

SENATE BILL 100
By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62,
Chapter 5, relative to mortuary services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-101, is amended by adding a new item there to, as follows:

() "Mortuary services" means the removal, transportation and embalming of dead human bodies for licensed funeral establishments;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, is amended by adding Sections 3 through 4 of this act as new part thereto.

SECTION 3.

(a) Every person, partnership, firm, association or corporation performing mortuary services after December 31, 2005, shall make application to the board and shall provide payment of a fee as set by the board.

(b) A person licensed by the board to perform mortuary services shall not be entitled to perform funeral directing unless such person is also licensed as a funeral director.

SECTION 4. All applications for performing mortuary services shall show:

() The name of at least one (1) funeral director who is employed by or who is an owner of the mortuary services business, and one responsible licensed embalmer, registered with the state board.

() The name and address of the fixed location with adequate facilities of the mortuary service business. Such adequate facilities shall include facilities for the preparation and embalming of dead human bodies; and

() Liability insurance of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for claims that arise from the operation of the mortuary service business.

SECTION 5. The board is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 5, to implement the provisions of this part.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.